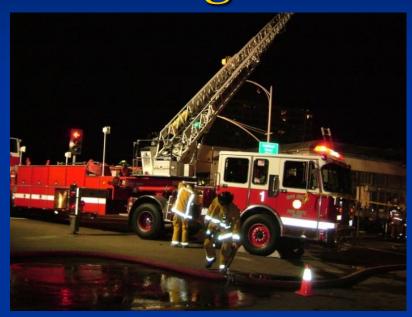
Fire-Rescue Department Engine Brownout Plan and Lifeguard Reductions Update





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Report Focus

- 6th Monthly Report to PS&NS
- Brownout Plan
 - Workload and Response Time Statistics Update
 - Projected and actual savings realized

- Lifeguard Budget Reductions
 - Beach Coverage Statistics Update
 - Personnel Impacts and Adjustments

Brownout Plan Refresher

- Brownouts refers to the temporary removal from service of 0-8 fire engines per day in the 13 fire stations that house more than one emergency response apparatus
- Brownouts were implemented on February 6, 2010 as a budget reduction measure to save \$11.5M in overtime
- Each brown-out unit saves approximately \$1.4M annually
- Today's report covers February 6 though July 15, 2010
 - 50,137 emergency incidents during this period
 - 1,448 fires
 - 43,370 medical
 - 5,319 other

Statistical Summary of Brownouts

- Out-of-Service Time for Participating Engines
 - 32% 100%
- Compliance with 5 min. First Unit Arrival Response Time
 - National Standard = 90% Fire-Rescue Interim Target = 55%
 - City-Wide Same Period Last Year = **55.42**%
 - City-Wide During Brownouts = **54.09**%
 - Participating Districts Same Period Last Year = 29% 87%
 - Participating Districts During Brownouts = 26% 81%
- Average Response Times (minutes/seconds)
 - City-Wide Same Period Last Year = 5:02
 - City-Wide During Brownouts = 5:07
 - Participating Districts Same Period Last Year = 3:49 6:16
 - Participating Districts During Brownouts = 3:51 6:31

Effective Fire Force

- Defined as the number of firefighters required to perform operations at a typical single family dwelling fire
 - 14-15 firefighters depending on whether an aerial ladder is deployed
 - SDFD achieves this with 3 engines, 1 truck and 1 battalion chief
- Compliance with 9 min. Effective Fire Force Arrival Response Time
 - National Standard = 90% Fire-Rescue Interim Target = 72%
 - City-Wide Same Period Last Year = 70%
 - City-Wide During Brownouts = 73%
 - Participating Districts Same Period Last Year = 25% 100%
 - Participating Districts During Brownouts = 0% 100%
- Average Effective Fire Force Response Times
 - City-Wide Same Period Last Year = 8.42 minutes
 - City-Wide During Brownouts = 7.79 minutes

Projected -v- Actual Savings

Projected savings for the last half of FY 2011 = \$4.2 Million

FY10 savings attributable to brown outs = \$4,174,806

New tracking system in place for FY 2011, where we will be able to track savings as they occur



Brownout Plan Summary

- Initial Plan implemented remains fundamentally sound and is functioning as designed
- No significant improvements in response times can be made absent restoration of funding for browned out units
- Impacts to non-emergency activities (e.g., training, fire inspections) are being addressed where possible
- Plan will continue to be monitored daily and beneficial adjustments will be made where possible
- Plan performance and significant adjustments will be reported to PS&NS monthly

Lifeguard Beach Coverage Update

- Staffing Reductions Made to Achieve Budget Savings
 - 2 fulltime LGs in Fall, Winter and Spring
 - 1 fulltime LG in Summer
 - 3 hourly LGs on weekdays in Summer
 - 4 hourly LGs on weekends in Summer
 - Hourly LG positions during Spring Break and Spring/Fall weekends
- Operational Adjustments Made for Beach Coverage
 - 2 hourly LGs patrol Torrey Pines Beach in summer
 - Standard Operating Procedure for Torrey Pines Beach responses
- LG Resources are Shifted in Response to Emergency Incidents and Peak Service Demands

Incidents at Torrey Pines Beach (6/16 thru 7/15)

- City Portion of Beach (360 incidents)
 - 10- Medical Aid
 - 0- Water Rescues
 - 2- Cliff Rescues
 - 345- Preventive Actions
 - 0-Enforceement
 - 3 Other calls for service
- Non-City Portions of Beach (329 incidents)
 - 18- Medical Aid
 - 3- Water Rescues
 - 0- Cliff Rescues
 - 305- Preventive Actions
 - 1-Enforceement
 - 2 Other calls for service

Wind n' Sea Beach Coverage/Incidents

- Budget Reduction Staffing at Wind 'n Sea Beach
 - Seasonal staffing in place/No year-round staffing provided
- Staffing Reductions Made to Achieve Budget Savings
 - 1 fulltime LG in Summer
- Incident Count (703 incidents)
 - 10- Medical Aid
 - 0- Water Rescues
 - 345- Preventive Actions
 - 0-Enforceement
 - 3 Other calls for service

Lifeguard Training Activities

- Budget Reductions
 - Wednesday training activities terminated
 - Personnel assigned to work relief positions to save OT (\$236k)
 - River Rescue Team training cut by 50%
 - LGII training coordinator position eliminated (\$69k)
- Adjustments Made to Training
 - Training now conducted via in-service and start of shift in short modules
 - Training is sufficient to maintain basic skills

Lifeguard Personnel Impacts

Reductions

- 8 Lifeguard II FTEs
- 4 filled
- 4 unfilled



Impacts

- 4 Lifeguards II demoted to Lifeguards I (\$256k savings)
- Demoted lifeguards granted priority for OCA to LGII
- Used as needed to fill LGII positions (sick leaves, vacations)
- Granted priority to return to fulltime FTE as vacancies occur
- One has returned to full time LG II as a result of a retirement

Questions?